



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	PRELOADED DROP HAMMER FOR)	
	DRIVING PILES)	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND SUBMISSION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) follows the final Office Action mailed June 7, 2006. A check in the amount of \$395 is enclosed for the RCE filing fee. It is believed that no further fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Submission is filed with a Request for Continued Examination following receipt by the Applicant of a final Office Action mailed on June 7, 2006, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, and 21 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scheid et al. (6,102,133) in view of Martin et al. (4,844,661).

In this Request for Continued Examination, the Applicant has amended the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims submitted herewith contain structure that distinguishes the present invention from the prior art cited in the June 7 Office Action. Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the June 7 Office Action and allowance of the claims submitted herewith is respectfully requested.